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Holman Building opens tomorrow

Open house set for visitors

After standing for six years as an empty, ill-kept hulk, Nader Agha's rehabilitated Holman Building is coming back to life on Saturday, December 14. Doors will open to the Holman An-

tique Mall at 10am and an invitational open house will run from 5-7pm that afternoon.

According to Valerie Spake, director of marketing and operations for the Holman Building, elaborate hors-d'oeuvres will be served at the evening open house, maybe with piano music.

Scheduled to open in the near future are Nana Rosa's Deli on the first floor and a spa and beauty salon on the mez-

zanine. The deli is owned by Aurelio and Emily Higuera.

Also on the mezzanine are the corporate offices of Elegant Illusions, a major upscale copy jewelry firm that has a retail outlet at 700 Cannery Row. The firm operates 18 outlets including one Hawaii and St. Croix.

Opening of Monterey County Bank's new Pacific Grove branch because delivery of the vault has not yet occurred.

School board names Sherry Boyle new principal of PG middle school

By Bob Bates

The appointment of a new principal for Pacific Grove Middle School, has been announced by the PG Unified School Board of Education.

She is Sherry Boyle, currently the principal of Sycamore Middle School in Gridley, CA. Ms. Boyle fills a vacancy left by the promotion of Linda Mann as principal of PG High School in September.

Boyle was one of eight candidates interviewed for the position at Middle School. The interview team was composed of teachers, support personnel, parents and teachers. One student also participated in the interview process, according to a news release issued by the PG Unified School District.

She was one of two finalists recommended to the Superintendent by a consensus of the 12 member interview team.

Boyle has a strong background in curriculum and instructional leadership as well as community involvement, according to the press release.

She served as vice principal of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District since 1986, before assuming the role of principal at Sycamore Middle School.

Her background includes direct experience as a classroom teacher in grades teaching of mathematics.

Boyle also has experience with teaching children with learning handicaps.

"Sherry Boyle is the right fit for students, teachers and the Pacific Grove community," Superintendent Dr. Barry Schimmel commented of Boyle's appointment to the position.

"We are all looking forward to working with her as the positive reputation of PG Middle School moves ahead."



Maryann Adams

Police plan comfort for distressed kids

PG Police desk officer Maryann Adams poses with one of the stuffed animals donated by local residents to help warm the hearts of distressed children at Christmastime. Due to an increase of domestic violence during the holiday season, officers often find that handing a stuffed animal to a broken hearted child, caught-up in the middle of a family dispute helps to calm the child's fears. The children are asked to give their stuffed animal a name and to care for it. Officers on patrol also hand out the stuffed animals to children in depressed neighborhoods, they said.

Photo by Bob Bates

Big snowfest for kids of all ages Saturday at Caledonia Park

A winter wonderland in Pacific Grove featuring a blanket of snow will appear in Caledonia Park Saturday, December 14 from 10am until 4pm.

This 3rd annual "snow job" is made by the importation of snow-making equipment which actually creates and blows snow covering the park in a layer of six to eight inches deep.

Kids of all ages enjoy building snowmen, sliding down moguls on snowboards, and just plain mingling and frolicking in another fantasy of the "Last Hometown."

The event, now known as "Stillwell's Snow in the Park," was conceived, promoted and organized by Richard Stillwell, a life-long resident of the Grove and volunteer fireman for over 40 years.

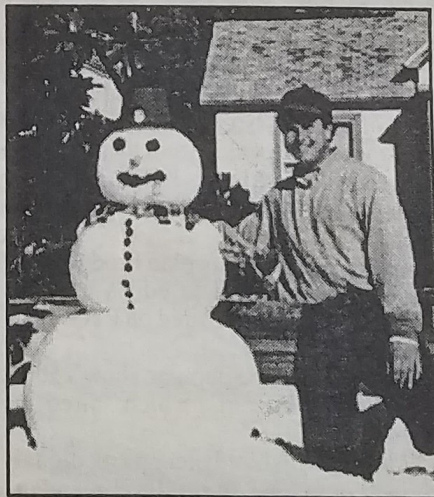
Caledonia Park, on the corner of Cen-

tral Avenue and Caledonia Street, will be covered with a blanket of glistening snow manufactured the morning of the event that will feature a 10-foot snow slide.

The park will be divided into three areas, according to age groups. An estimated 1,500 children attended the event in the past, according to Moe Ammar, Executive Vice-President of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event.

Festive lights and balloons will decorate the park in a winter wonderland theme. Pony rides, a petting zoo, and hayrides will be provided by the Monterey Bay Equestrian Center.

The Snow Queen will be at the park from 10am until noon, followed by the noontime arrival of Santa Claus from the North Pole. Santa will arrive on a Pa-



THOMSON LANG of Grove Homescapes stands beside his creation during last year's snow festivities. Hayrides, Santa Claus, pony rides, petting zoo and lots more.

cific Grove Fire Department truck.

Admission to the park and all activities are free to the public. For more information, call the Chamber 373-3304.

Grove bank robbery suspect is captured

by Bob Bates

A 25 year old bank robbery suspect who is implicated in a series of bank hold-ups on the central coast last month, was captured by Monterey police just moments after he allegedly held up the downtown office of the First National

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FEATURES

Jay Campbell, three years after the stroke, is still doing caricatures

by Bob Bates

Former PG artist Jay Campbell had it all. The gregarious, lion-maned artist and cartoonist who came here 20-something years ago from his native Boston, was a highly sought after painter and illustrator with a thriving business, providing art work to a variety of clients. His work was and is exhibited in galleries all over the peninsula and beyond. The stroke that struck him almost three years ago, limiting the use of his left arm and leg, miraculously spared him the use of his right arm and hand, the limbs he uses for his work.

A motorized wheelchair that enabled him to scoot around town unassisted, was taken away from him by unfeeling

bureaucrats almost a year ago.

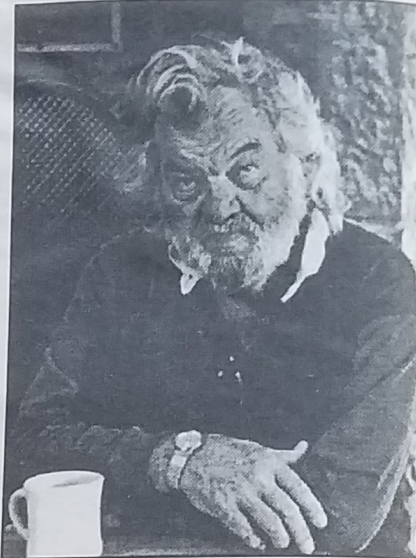
"Since that time I have been getting around with the use of a cane," Campbell said, showing off his ability to walk short distances unaided.

"I'm still working, although not as much as before the stroke," he said.

"All I want for Christmas is to be able to earn a few extra bucks doing caricatures."

Campbell traditionally is invited to set up his easel at one of the local hotels on the Peninsula.

Anyone who is interested in having Campbell to do caricatures for their office party or other holiday season activities can call him at home at 649-3331.



Jay Campbell

Drug arrest made at local business

by Bob Bates

Acting on tips from several different sources, Pacific Grove police arrested a local business owner, December 2, charging him with several counts including sale of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, contributing to the delinquency of minors and operating a business selling drug paraphernalia open to juveniles and other offenses.

William A. Greenbaum III, 24, of Pacific Grove was arrested at his business, in the 200 block of Grand Avenue called, "What's Happening," December 2, according to police.

On entering the shop, officers discovered several local juveniles who had apparently just smoked marijuana, officers said.

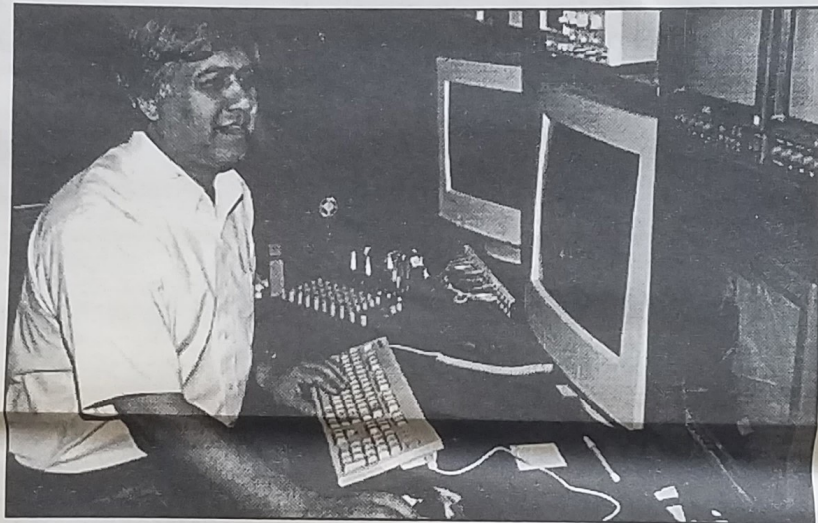
Two of the juveniles were in possession of marijuana, allegedly just purchased from Greenbaum. In addition to selling drug paraphernalia, the shop sold clothing manufactured from hemp, police said. More than 100 glass pipes commonly used by marijuana and smokers were displayed in an area open to minors, a violation of state laws.

Greenbaum was released from custody after posting a \$20,000 bail bond. Anyone with information concerning Greenbaum is urged to contact the Pacific Grove police department. Police are continuing their investigation hey said.

ROBBERY from page 1

Bank of Monterey, November 22.

Taken into custody was Raimond Quintin, who is also charged with the November 19 robbery of Great Western Bank of Pacific Grove. The money taken in the robbery was in Quintin's possession, police said when he was taken into custody. Monterey police Detective Ed Smith is investigating the robbery in Monterey. According to PGPD Detective Sgt. Mike Henderson, a robber entered the Great Western branch office at 170 Country Club Center, at 1:35 p.m. November 19, presented a note demanding money from a teller. Quintin is also a suspect in three bank robberies in Santa Cruz. FBI Special Agent Rick Lack is also investigating the series of robberies.



BOB FRANCO, owner of Endorphin Productions in Pacific Grove, has just completed editing a Candid Camera special for producer Peter Funt. Franco wants to encourage other film and television companies in Los Angeles to bring their product to PG for Editing and special effects. Franco just finished making his own feature film, *California P.I.*

Endorphin Productions of Pacific Grove edits Candid Camera special

by Bob Bates

Bob Franco is a local high tech business owner who wonders aloud why the City of Pacific Grove doesn't do more to attract more people from the film and television industries to PG. to take advantage of established support facilities here.

Franko's firm, Endorphin Productions has been contracted to edit a Candid Camera special, to be aired on CBS next year.

Franko edited the popular show's 50th Anniversary special, which aired in August on CBS.

Working with highly technical digital editing equipment at his downtown Pacific Grove location, Franco grew up here and was educated in Southern California, at Long Beach State University. "I was a Creative Writing major," he said, "which is good training for editing."

"I wrote scripts for awhile and took up photography semi-professionally and that led me to what I am doing today."

Peter Funt, (son of Allen Funt, creator of Candid Camera) who has been shooting Candid Camera shows since he

was a kid approached Franco to edit the 50th Anniversary Special, rather than go to Los Angeles.

"Peter lives here in the area and I suppose it was just more convenient for him to employ a local firm," Franco said.

"I learned pretty much what he wanted doing the 50th Anniversary Special so he asked me to edit this one," Franco said.

Other recent productions by Franco include a full-length feature, "California P.I.", a detective show shot in Pacific Grove and on the Monterey Peninsula; "Sanctuary: Monterey Bay Underwater," by local diver videographer, Steve Loomis; "The Last Cheeta" by Robert Blaisdell and "Cannery Row, The Way It Was", narrated by Anne Margaret.

Endorphin's first video release, "Big Sur - The Way It Was", by Robert Blaisdell is the lost film from the 1960's rescued from obscurity last summer.

The video features Henry Miller and Doug McClure

Janet Gray, mother, lawyer, volunteer

by Bob Bates

Local attorney Janet Gray starts her day around 5:30 a.m., this time of year. The energetic mother of three sons, ages nine, 12 and 20 balances her role as professional woman, wife and mother with work as a volunteer for schools and youth oriented events.

"I like to help make social occasions special for those who attend," she said.

Moving to Pacific Grove from Santa Cruz in 1981, following graduation from Hastings School of Law in San Francisco, Gray worked for a law firm here until 1984, when she opened her own practice.

"I was frequently appointed to represent individuals whose cases were being appealed, including homicides," she said.

"In the majority of those cases there is a sort of hopelessness that is depressing. 'I've always had an interest in helping the underdog. Eventually I began to specialize in criminal appellate law.

"I am appointed to represent clients from the First, Second, Third and Fifth Districts. I cover one end of the

state to the other."

Like many of her defense attorney colleagues, Gray is opposed to California's Three Strike Law, as it now exists.

"It (Three Strikes) is here to stay. The public isn't in a mood to give them (criminal defendants) a break.

The law makes no provision for people who have turned their lives around. What is happening is that people are being given life sentences for relatively minor crimes, as the result of a felony they committed 17 years ago.

"Sentencing judges do have the discretion, under the law, to strike a previous conviction. That isn't being done a lot," she said.

"Eventually the public will wake up to the economic reality of what is happening. It costs \$60,000 a year to house an inmate in state prisons and \$40,000 a year to send someone to Harvard. It would cost less to rehabilitate people, rather than warehousing them in prisons."

"I volunteer in the community as a means of doing something positive, to keep in touch with my own perception of reality.

"I try to help kids by giving them another outlet, to prevent them from getting involved in something negative. Ninety-eight percent of the people I represent, who have been convicted of committing homicides, were under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at the time the offense occurred."

Gray carries her philosophy into her volunteerism. She is active in two PTA organizations in Pacific Grove. In 1994 she was chair of Sober Grad Night at PG High School and was the food chair for the 1995 food committee for Sober Grad Night.

She is co-chair of events at PG Middle School and is food coordinator for all of the dances held at the Youth Center.

Even with her busy work schedule Gray finds the time to teach baking and cooking classes two or three days a week at Middle School.

"My family gets squeezed in there somewhere," she said. "I have always received lots of help and support from my husband, Mario Salazar. He helps me get food and refreshment donations for some of the events I'm involved in.

Gray will cater the Evita Premier, to be held in Pacific Grove, December 30

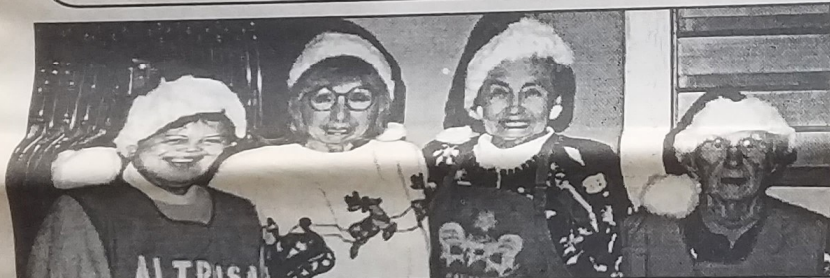


Janet Gray

at Lighthouse Cinema.

The reception will be held across the street at the Grove Homescapes Building, 427 Lighthouse at 7 p.m.

"I like to do ordinary events and help make them extraordinary, so that people attending those functions feel special."



ALTRUSAN SPIRIT - These four Altrusans helped to kindle the Christmas spirit at Chautauqua Hall following the lighting of the Christmas tree lights at Jewell Park, Dec. 2. Pictured left to right are Celia Pamintuan; Dianne Johnson, club president and chair person of the festivities; Irma Dinkle and Mary McHale. Beacon photo by Bob Bates

Symphony ensemble and chorus perform in Grove December 14

On Saturday, December 14 at 7:30pm the Monterey County Symphony Chorus will present its annual Holiday Concert at the historic Mayflower Church, 14th and Central in Pacific Grove.

Chorus Director Ken Ahrens will direct the ensemble in Brahms' *Ave Maria* Op. 12, Poulenc's *Ave Maria*, and Franz Beibel's *Ave Maria*.

Three works by John Rutter appear on the program. The Symphony Chorus will sing such traditional favorites as John Jacob Niles arrangement of *I Wonder As I Wander*, Jester Hairston's arrangements of *Go Tell It On The Mountain*, *Christmas Gift*, *Mary's Little Boy*, *Chile*, and *Mary, Mary, Where is Your Baby*; Conrad Susa's *A Christmas Garland* and Pietro A. Von's *Jesu Bambino*.

Also featured in this program is the Symphony's principal violist Vladimir Khalikulov and contralto Ann Hannon who will sing *Geistliches Wiegenlied*, Op. 91. Khalikulov and Ahrens will also perform Hummel's *Fantasia for Viola*.

A string ensemble from Carmel High School will also present a portion of the

program.

Tickets are \$16 adults, and \$8 children.

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City wants Forest Hill plan reps

The City of Pacific Grove seeks two residents from the Forest Hill area to serve on an appointed body to participate in forming an improvement plan for the Forest Hill Commercial District.

This forum will guide and oversee the wielding a plan and shall comprise 11 members representing various advisory boards, commissions, and committees, the Forest Hill Commercial Property Owners, area businesses, and adjacent residents.

A specific plan for the commercial district and requests for proposals have been sent to firms who have expressed interest in the project.

If you live in homes located on either side of Forest Avenue between the Holman Highway entrance to Pacific Grove and David Avenue, you are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at City Hall, 300 Forest Avenue, to be completed and returned by Dec. 20. Questions call the City Manager's office, 648-3106.

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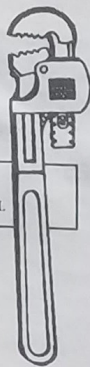
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Elected council members sworn in

MAYOR SANDRA KOFFMAN expressed satisfaction when Dec. 5 installation of newly-elected Christie Martine to City Council doubled distaff representation on that august body. From left: Councilman James Costello, Councilmember Martine, Mayor Koffman and Councilman Morris Fisher, former mayor whose return to City Hall was hailed as evidence of city's commitment to recycling.

Taxes from tourist oriented sales up 14 %

The City of Pacific Grove's sales tax tracking service, Municipal Resource Consultants, has prepared its Sales Tax Report for the second quarter of 1996 (ending 5/13/96).

Quarter net receipts were 14% higher than the same quarter in 1995. The amount received for this year now exceeds the budget estimate.

According to City Administrative Service Director Peter Woodruff, the major increases in tax collections were from the tourist-oriented portions of the city's economy. Leading gainers were apparel stores and restaurants.

Local collections from February through May were \$315,886. Adding in pool allocations and netting out deductions results in net receipts to the City of \$348,837.

The performance analysis for the first quarter, which subtracts payments for previous periods and estimates late payments, shows a projected total of \$305,425.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for the quarter exceeded quarterly collections for all previous years for the second quarter in a row.

The 21.52% gain over the 1995 period (ending 6/30/96) brings to total receipts well above the City's budget estimates.

Woodruff said that TOT collections demonstrate even more graphically than the sales tax numbers that the quarter was a very strong tourist quarter.

Second quarter TOT receipts were \$628,126, compared with \$516,982 for the second quarter of 1995 and \$506,791 for the first quarter of 1996.

(Reprinted from "RapUp," the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce membership quarterly edited by Beth Penny.)

Bazaar Dec 14 to benefit pre-school

by Judy Anderson

The Pacific Grove High School Multipurpose Room is the site Saturday, December 14, of the Annual Holiday Bazaar to benefit the PG Preschool.

A sort of farmers market for kids, with handmade gifts for children's family and friends, priced under \$1, the bazaar is

an enchanted house for children shoppers only.

The affair, replete with simple refreshments, a few children's activities, and a Country Store where parents can shop while their children shop, is open from 11am to 2pm.

Almost 50 families participate in the Pre-school program which is housed next to Robert Down School. All participate in the preparation and planning of this event including baking, food preparation and provision of a minimum of 15 gifts for the bazaar.

The bazaar is open to the public and features delicious homemade food. The High School is located at 615 Sunset Avenue, Pacific Grove.

City selects South County Housing

South County Housing, a Gilroy firm, has been nominated by the Senior Housing Committee as Pacific Grove's "partner." The selection process will come to an end at the Dec. 18 City Council session.

In making the unanimous decision, SHC members cited proximity, South County's community involvement and their expertise in handling the matter should it require an election.

Councilman Steve Honegger, who chairs the SHC, said he had been impressed during a visit to their installation in Gilroy. Dennis Boehlje, the city staff liaison to the SHC, said South County has multiple projects in Gilroy and Hollister.

Administrative Services Director Peter Woodruff said he had examined financial reports from SCH and Eden Housing of Hayward, the two finalists in a competition between seven potential partners. Woodruff said the two were about equally qualified financially.

Boehlje said he expected Council to invite SCH to make a short presentation at its Dec. 18 meeting.

Katharine Coe-Aguras, who has served on the committee since its inception, resigned at the Dec. 5 session, but offered to assist if her expertise is required again.



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Crowd hails Yadon and Zito departure from City Council

By Neill Gardner

When the Dec. 4 City Council meeting opened, it was standing room only at the Community Center.

For the first time in living memory, every elected official but the mayor was wearing a necktie. Many of those present came to pay tribute to Councilman Terrance Zito, who had chosen not to seek reelection. Zito termed his decision a "strategic retreat."

Before the expressions of congratulation and regret were over, Zito was on the receiving end of flowers, wine, books and a plaque commemorating his four years of service.

Dan Koffman, Pacific Grove's First Man, testified to the number of hours council service demands and pleaded for "someone else to please take a turn." Koffman said that while it may not be easy to lose an election, neither is it easy to win one.

After the parade of well-wishers had relinquished the microphone, Administrative Services Director Peter Woodruff administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor Sandra Koffman and Councilman Jim Costello and to Councilmembers Christie Martine and Morris Fisher.

Fisher, who served as mayor and council member in the 1980s, agreed with one of his well-wishers who said Fisher represents the ultimate in recycling. Fisher said he was the youngest Councilmember at one time and now is pro-tem Bob Davis.

Davis was re-appointed to that post by a unanimous vote. Fisher said it was appropriate because Davis looks and acts like a vice mayor.

Martine used very few words in expressing her appreciation of her new responsibilities. Costello complimented Mayor Koffman on having brought the Council to "see the city as a whole." After some rearrangement of the chairs, Koffman told her new Council that the honeymoon was over.

Egan Avenue resident Ellen Coile asked the Council to order the city forester to stop harassing homeowners and start taking better care of trees around the golf links.

Recreation Director John Miller said the Youth Action group had presented him with a check for \$5000 earlier in the day. Miller said the Youth Center would be closed for maintenance during the last

week in December. He urged listeners to attend the Pavarotti concert in San Jose, proceeds from which will benefit the Youth Center.

Mayor Koffman said she had been assured by Dick Stillwell that snow will fall on Pacific Grove on Dec. 14.

During discussion of a Traffic Commission decision to remove a stop sign



Outgoing Zito and Yadon

at 17-Mile Drive and Egan Avenue, Police Chief Jon Reither said there had been only one accident there since 1988. He said the decision was made after a 3-2 vote. Coile told Reither she didn't "give a fig" for his numbers. She said the sign had been installed in the first place because people speed on 17-Mile Drive. She said the commission had the cart before the horse.

Brooks Loeffler, citing the lack of accidents at the intersection, said it looked to him as if the commission might be trying to fix something that isn't broken.

Koffman suggested delaying a decision until Council has a chance to mull it over. Huit said Council wasn't overruling the commission, but waiting until it has all the facts.

In other action, Council:
Endorsed a code of ethics for the Museum.

Approved a drain field between Rudas Building and Chautauqua Hall.

Continued a ban on dry subdivisions.

Approved funds for banners on light poles.

Asked staff to re negotiate Lovers Point Snack Bar agreement with owner David Bindel.

Discussed permit parking in Candy Cane Lane area. Chief Reither asked residents to call him on 648-3147 concerning abandoned vehicles.

Denied a request for a stop sign at Eardley and Junipero. Red zone will be increased before intersection.

Went into closed session to discuss managers' salaries and fringe benefits.



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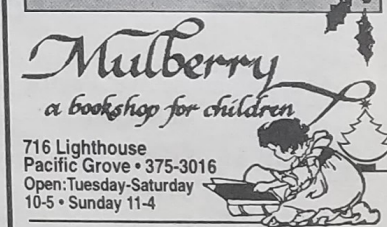
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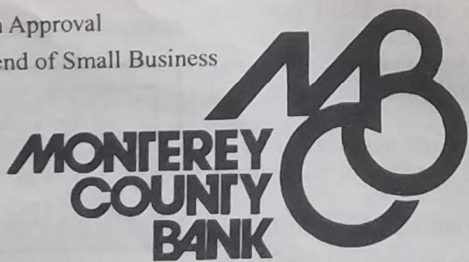


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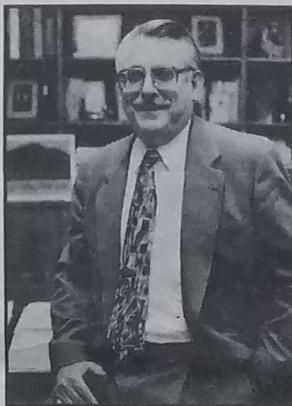
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Pavarotti "express" tickets are going fast

A hundred local residents have the opportunity to attend a performance by world-reknowned tenor Luciano Pavarotti, May 14 of next year, in San Jose, and to attend a reception and dinner with Pavarotti himself, according to P.G. mayor Sandy Koffman.

The "express" is a fund raiser to benefit the new Pacific Grove Youth Center.

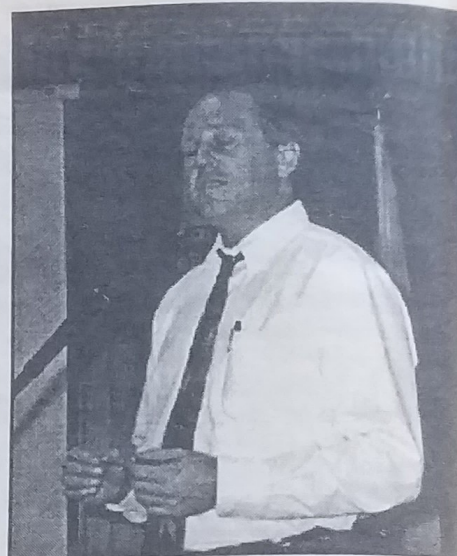
Purchase of the tickets, \$500 for the Pavarotti Express (includes dinner with Pavarotti) and \$300 for the Pavarotti Limited , which doesn't include dinner with the celebrated tenor, are tax deductible.

"Half the tickets are already gone," Koffman said.

The tickets were a gift from the Rudas Theatrical Organization to the City to help raise funds for the newly constructed PG Youth Center.

Tibor and Lee Rudas contributed \$20,000 from their own pockets and helped to raise another \$20,000 during a '96 fund raiser , for the Youth Center.

Ticket holders for the Pavarotti Express will be taken to the performance aboard luxury buses and will be served caviar and champagne during the trip to San Jose.



RECREATION DIRECTOR John Miller took several turns at microphone at Dec. 5 City Council session to ask for support for Youth Center activities, in particular for attendance at Pavarotti concert in San Jose.

Home tour drew near 1,000 to PG Victoriana

The 27th annual Pacific Grove Victorian Home Tour attracted 720 visitors from out of town and 160 residents during a visit to 11 residential, business, and public structures in town.

The event was sponsored and promoted by the Chamber of Commerce and was hosted by the Pacific Grove Heritage Society whose costumed docents conducted tours to visitors.

Tickets were \$10 each.

REAL ESTATE transactions

(These transactions were recorded with the County Clerk from 11/17 to 11/26, 1996, and are reported to the Beacon by Abstract Information Service in Pacific Grove.)

- Pacific Grove**
810 LIGHTHOUSE, #204: \$160,000. Joan R. Osborne to Tatian F. Romani, 11-18-96.
255 CROCKER: \$315,000. Carl R. and Hazel L. Tripp to Don L. and Romona L. Williams, 11-20-96.
811 MAPLE: \$310,000. Margot King to Sigrid A. Stokes, 11-20-96.
329 STUART: \$305,000. Leonard R. and Christina H. Heston to Scott J. and Corinne L. Allen, 11-21-96.
245 CHESTNUT: \$280,000. Bruce Sexauer to Fred M. Haines, 11-22-96.
606 DENNETT: \$385,000. Belicia Govine to Bruce I. and Tracy L. Bonfield, 11-22-96.
511 EVERGREEN: \$319,000. Joe E. and Magel W. Williamson to Curtis S. and Jennifer M. Jansen, 11-22-96.
485 GROVE ACRE: \$350,000. Sereta A. Lindsey to Vivien L. and Carol A. Yarborough, 11-27-96.
1007 FOREST: \$340,000. Eleanor Hanson to William M. and Sandi K. Eason, 11-27-96.
1205 FUNSTON: \$300,000. Hector A. and Brooke Burwell Pretera to John M. Stidham, 11-27-96.
207 - 10th : \$300,000. Ronald E. Hobbs to Karen Ravn, 11-27-96

- Pebble Beach**
3138 BIRD ROCK: \$560,000. J. Harlan and Helen F. Lewis to William R. and Gloria M. Bigelow, 11-18-96.
1452 PADRE: \$750,000. EMC Mortgage Corp to Watson M. and Carol M. Conner, 11-20-96.
2988 CRESCENT: \$340,000. Marilyn R. Putnam, trustee to Mark D. Putnam, 11-22-96.
1064 THE OLD DRIVE: \$360,000. Christopher W. June, trustee to Joshua R. Simpson, 11-22-96.
LOS ALTOS DR.: \$150,000. Horace P. Flatt to Hyun B. and Kyung J. Oh, 11-26-96.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Janet Gray is catering the, "Evita" Premier champagne punch and cheesecake buffet, to be held at 7 p.m., December 30 at the Grove Homescapes Building (the Old Grove Laundry) 427 Lighthouse Avenue. Mayor Sandy Koffman and a friend are enlisted to help pour the punch and serve the cheese-cake. Valet parking attendants also needed. Donations of cheesecake, home-made or store-bought, are also needed, she said. Call 375-6263 if you're interested in helping out. Photo by bob Bates

Chamber selects Connie Perry to fill presidency vacated by McIntire

The board of directors of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce has elected Connie Perry to succeed the term left vacant by Jerry McIntire.

President McIntire, who underwent quadruple-bypass heart surgery immediately prior to his installation in September, has retired from work with the Rosedale Inn and the chamber upon advice of his physician.

Perry has been a member of the board of directors for two years and was elected chamber first vice-president for the current fiscal year.

She is a Realtor who has been a Pacific Grove resident and a Chamber member since 1990. She was chairman of the Good Old Days event this year and is a member of the Economic Revitalization Committee.

Originally from Chicago, Perry came with her husband, Joe to Pacific Grove from La Selva Beach, California,

where she served as a director of both the La Selva Beach Improvement Association and the Homeowners Association.

She has been a Realtor since 1978 and a broker since 1991.

From her perspective the Chamber's most critical mission has been the development of a good working relationship with the City which she describes, now, as being excellent.

"All groups are listening to each other, everyone is open-minded, and issues are being worked out between the Chamber and the City, says Perry.

One of Perry's goals as president is to "continue the wonderful partnership with the City and, if possible, to make it even better."

Perry also wants the Grove Chamber to work more closely with the other Peninsula chambers of commerce. And she wants to bolster the business and residential communities understanding of the Chamber's role in Pacific Grove.

"I would like to meet with the residents of this precious, special town and explain the importance of our Chamber and its benefits, not only to businesses and the City of Pacific Grove, but to the whole community," says Perry.

"Residents like to participate in the many Chamber events that help to ensure a healthy quality of life for the entire community," she said.

One "free" parking ticket during holiday

Christmas shoppers who over-park in Pacific Grove during the two weeks preceeding the holiday, will get one free citation, compliments of the PG police department.

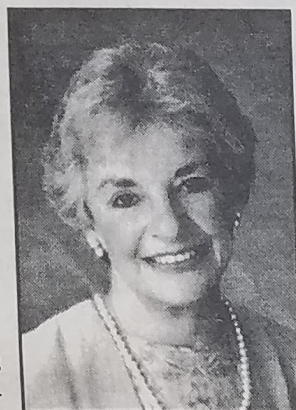
"We want to help stimulate shopping in Pacific Grove and to give shoppers a little break during the peak shopping period," Capt. Ed Harriger said.

Subsequent citations will have to be paid, Harriger said. "We'll implement the plan about the ninth of December," Harriger said. After Christmas the police department will be less forgiving of over-parking.

Chamber activities

December 2-21 - Pacific Grove Hometown Holidays. "Winter Wonderland" theme for window decorations at most of Pacific Grove businesses.

December 14 - "Stillwell's Snow in the Park." Caledonia APark will be covered with a blanket of glistening snow, festive twinkling lights, holiday carols, Santa's Workshop. Frosty the Snowman, hayrides, and entertainment.



Connie Perry

Police create urban Boy Scout merit badge for "crime stoping"

by Lt. William Kennedy

Monterey Boy Scout Troop 178 and the Pacific Grove Police Department will combine efforts to create a new crime prevention Merit Badge.

The police will offer the Scouts an intensive 10-hour training course over five weeks covering the merit badge requirements on topics such as Neighborhood Watch, shoplifting, the nature of gangs, violence reduction, child abuse, and drugs.

The new Crime Prevention Merit Badge became available to Scouts during October, National Crime Prevention Month. The focus of the badge is the essence of Scouting - - - Citizenship.

Pacific Grove Police Chief Jon Reither, a former Scoutmaster, strongly endorsed the program and hopes that this merit badge will encourage Scouts to become personally involved in crime prevention in their respective communities.

City ready to let out civic center design

by Bob Bates

Selection of the firm that will provide the design for the new civic center in Pacific Grove, could occur within the next 90 days, according to City Manager Mike Huse.

"Another six months or so will be required to complete the public participation portion of the process," he said.

"Once that information has been digested, the staff will come up with ways and means to fund the project," he added.

Construction of the new civic center building is tentatively planned for fiscal year 1997-98 or 1998-1999.

"The original city hall office building will be retained and the new structure will be compatible with the old one," Huse said.



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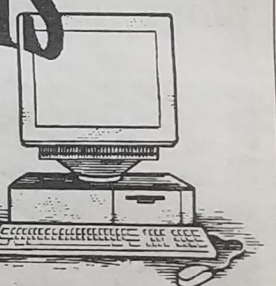
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Lynne Fonda-Kosorek

A Pacific Grove amateur athlete becomes professional triathlete at 50

by Bob Bates

Lynne Fonda-Kosorek, who was 50, July 4th, is a trophy winning triathlete who trains eight months of the year. She participates in a training plan with a coach, practically every day of her busy life.

The diminutive mother of three began running at the age of 46 and was, "surprised at how well I did in my first race," she says.

Raised in Pacific Palisades, Fonda-Kosorek was sent by her parents to classes in piano and ballet. "In high school we weren't permitted to perspire in gym class," she laughs today. "We wore these cute little outfits and didn't dare spoil them with sweat."

As a single mom in her mid-forties, she took up running as a leisure-time

activity that rapidly became a serious sport. "I wanted to find out what I was capable of," she said of her decision to participate in triathlons.

"I wanted to be the very best woman I could be, the best runner, the best mother, the best business woman."

"When I was successful as an athlete I realized I can do anything," she said. "I participate in triathlons from Malibu to Maui, to Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz."

Lynne recently ran in a 10K event in Pacific Grove to benefit battered women.

She is sponsored in part by Danskin, the dance and sports apparel manufacturer.

An importer of advertising matchbooks, Lynne distributes her products nationally. "Matchbooks are the best kept marketing secret around," she laughs.



Daily regimen

Hers is a familiar face on the race circuit along the central coast., her red hair swinging free as she jogs along the P.G. to Monterey recreation trail or participating in a triathlon event anywhere within striking distance, from Malibu to Maui. Lynne Fonda-Kosorek is a serious competitor who places frequently in the top-three positions for her age group.

Photo by Bob Bates

Shorelines

by Neill Gardner

Winners and Losers

DAN KOFFMAN said a mouthful the other evening when he allowed as how politicians who win their races have it just about as tough as those who lose. If we read between the lines, we may suspect that Dan was talking about the spouses of victorious office-seekers, too.

While the winners may bask in the glory of their victory, the other half of the equation is privileged to put up with a part-time matrimonial partner while sharing only vicariously in that glory.

As things are done in small town politics nowadays, there cannot be enough hours in the day for an elected official to enjoy much of a private life. The reading alone must preclude watching the Wheel of Fortune more than once a month.

IT WAS not ever thus. There was a time when City Councils appointed folks to a committee or a commission, handed them a problem and then forgot about it, unless a sizable segment of the public screamed like a mashed cat.

In these enlightened times, Council seems to see a need to micro manage everything from tree trimming to installation of a stop sign. In the process, they waste hours of their own personal lives and alienate those they appointed to deal with the problem.

In our opinion, unless faced with an obvious and monumental error on the part of, say, the Traffic Commission, Council would do well to implement their decisions whenever possible. Overturning lower agencies on the basis of complaints from a few vocal individuals who are concerned with their own and not the greater good may save the occasional vote, but it is not good government.

HEAVEN KNOWS the intrusion of the state and the feds into local affairs has complicated the task of governing a small town. We sympathize with our leaders when they are compelled to face those who jump up to protest alleged failure to cross some federal T or dot a bureaucratic i.

We recognize that there are times when some individual appointees—we're thinking of the Museum Board—become so impressed with their own importance or ideologies that Council needs to take a hand.

There is no avoiding the fact that Council must be aware of another election just down the road. Even so, trying to please all of the people all of the time is a fruitless and time-consuming endeavor.

IF THERE is a model for the manner in which Council should manage subordinate committees, it must be the Senior Housing Committee. Council gave that group its head and has been rewarded by productive labors and a unanimity rarely found around City Hall.

Dan Koffman owes the SHC a vote of thanks. They took up very little of the mayor's time and they did their job with dispatch. Merry Christmas!

Committee narrows qualified senior housing bidders to two firms

by Neill Gardner

Eden Housing, Inc. and South County Housing, the remaining contenders among seven firms who at one time expressed interest in joining the City Of Pacific Grove in a senior housing operation, made impressive presentations at a Nov. 25 Senior Housing Committee meeting.

Councilman Steve Monaggen, who chairs the SHC, said his group may recommend that City Council hear both firms, then make a selection. Barring that, the committee may make the selection itself following its Dec. 5 meeting.

Responding to questioning from SHC Committee member Katherine Coe-Aguras, each firm said it could furnish

front money for feasibility studies. Executive Director Catherine Merschel said Eden Housing might loan as much as \$150,000 for that purpose. Marie Juncker, executive director of South County, said her firm might spend \$25,000.

Both firms offered the near-identical financing procedures. South County, whose headquarters are in Gilroy, cited several examples of fundraising efforts involving that community.

According to Juncker, HUD regulations limit one-bedroom units to 540 sq. ft. and do not permit two bedrooms. Seniors would pay 30 per cent of gross income in rent.

A 9 per cent Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit offers a mix of rent levels, limits a two-person household to \$18,100 maximum income.

Four per cent tax credit and bond financing limits two persons to \$21,720 maximum income. Rents would vary between \$275 and \$455 per month.

Both firms offered slide presentations depicting senior housing under their management. Eden's operation is primarily involved with Oakland, Pleasanton, Hayward and San Jose.

South County's senior housing is located in Morgan Hill and Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties, including a unit in Marina.

Both firms cited after-construction commitment to management and maintenance. Each expressed a willingness to start feasibility studies immediately.

Dennis Lalor, director of development of South County, said his firm is fully aware of "that little water problem" and that not everyone in the community may be supportive of senior housing. "We have to find out why and then address their concerns," Lalor said.

At a Nov. 19 site review meeting, the SHC studied Lighthouse, Robert Down and Middle School (athletic field) sites. The school district has expressed a desire to lease rather than sell the properties. Figures cited range between \$80,000 and \$166,000 per year.

Asilomar board waits for appellate judge verdict

Representatives of the Asilomar Operating Board went to Sacramento on November 18 for a two-day session, appealing their disqualification as a qualified bidder to continue operating the conference grounds.

Although four bidders earlier had joined in the appeal, all but the local board had dropped out when the matter was heard before an administrative law judge.

California Department of Parks and Recreation had questioned the AOB's financial stability, although the City of Pacific Grove had endorsed their plan.

Attorneys were scheduled to present final briefs in the matter by December 6.

Brenda Fullmer, vice-president for communications for Delaware North, which has been awarded the Asilomar contract, said her company is awaiting the judge's decision "just like everyone else."

TIPS ON HOLIDAY safety

From PG Police Dept.

Holidays are a time when busy people become careless and individuals are especially vulnerable to theft and other crimes.

Out and about

Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

Lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few minutes. Lock packages in the trunk.

Wait for public transportation or rides from friends in busy, well-lighted places.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated in a shopping mall. They should never go into the parking lot alone.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep a wallet in an inside pocket. Consider getting a waist pack and keep it in front of you.

At home

Be extra cautions about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes. Leave lights and a radio or television on so the house looks occupied.

Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.

If you go away, get an automatic timer for your lights. Have a neighbor watch your house and pick up the mail and newspapers.

When putting up your tree, make sure doors and passageways are clear.

Be sure your Christmas tree is sturdy so that small children can't pull it over on themselves.

If you use lights on the tree, make sure they are in good working order.

Place the tree in water or wet sand to keep it green longer.

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Never burn wrapping paper in your fireplace.

Do not leave tree lights on while you are not at home.

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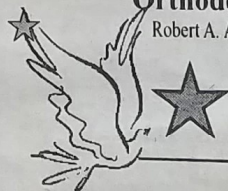
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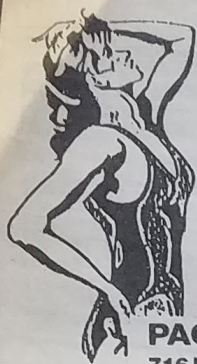
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- Residents want to avoid drought water restrictions and conditions

2 The State has ordered the replacement of 10,730 acre-feet of water a year from the Carmel River aquifer. That represents two-thirds of the annual water usage by Peninsula residents. Based on the State's order, and the opinions and desires of Monterey Peninsula residents, California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) is initiating a program to assure:

- Restoration of the Carmel River—the fish, the riverbanks, and the habitat in general
- Further promotion of water conservation through continued education
- A new pricing system, effective January 1997, to reward those who use less water

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Lunches are served daily for senior citizens in New Monterey and Pacific Grove. Sites are the Sally Griffin Sr. Center at 700 Jewell in PG and the Monterey Senior Center, 480 Dickman at Lighthouse Avenue in New Monterey.

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For Information call 375-9887 in Pacific Grove and 646-3878 in New Monterey.

Home delivered meals are prepared at the Pacific Grove location and driven by a fleet of volunteer drivers at Meals on Wheels. Call 375-4454 for information.

Monterey County bank declares cash dividend

The board of directors of Northern California Bancorp, Inc., holding company for Monterey County Bank, has declared a cash dividend of 11 cents per share for 1996, up from 10 cents per share in 1995.

The dividend will be payable on December 15 to shareholders of record as of November 15.

Northern California Bancorp, Inc. has over 600 local shareholders. Monterey County Bank has offices located in Monterey, Carmel, and Pacific Grove (to open during the first quarter of 1997)

Bookkeeping service relieves businesses of accounting burden

Jill Stewart of Pacific Grove, is a new member of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, who is now open for business as Computerized Business Applications (CBA), a home office enterprise providing complete bookkeeping services including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, quarterly reports and monthly financial statements. 375-1493.

A children's retail store for the Grove

Ginny Brown, owner of Chatterbox Children's Shoppe on Fountain Avenue, owned a large casting agency for 16 years prior to moving here. When her husband Wayne was hired as Economic Development Director for the City of Monterey, Ginny wondered why there were no toy stores or children's clothing stores in Pacific Grove. To shorten the story, here business now offers new and nearly new fine clothing for children from newborn to size 14, pre-teen formal wear, nursing supplies, books, shoes, maternity wear, toys, nursery furnishings, and more.

Ginny is also a Middle Eastern dance artist who has taught dance styles throughout the US. and Europe.

BUSINESS newsbriefs

Display window judging

Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15, will be judgment days for entrants in the Grove's annual holiday decorations contest. Residential effluvia and business display windows will both be reviewed curbside by members of the City's Arts Commission from 5pm-10pm both evenings. Winners will be announced at the City Council meeting Wednesday, December 18, held at 6pm in the Community Center, 515 Junipero Avenue.

New design studio

Bella & Joananna's Design Studio has opened recently at 183 Forest Avenue. Bella Brancato and Johanna Stocker are two local clothing designers who have created a boutique full of unique and creative clothing including women's dresses, skirts, sweater sets, slip dresses, jumpers, and vests.

Fishing classes and trips

Cameron and Smith, which provides high-quality products for fly fishing from its Grand Avenue location, is now offering day classes in fly-tying and other angling arts. The business also conducts guided day trips to the nether regions of the Big Sur River where the adventuresome return with Rainbow Trout and Steelhead.

Promotion campaign working

The *Time to Coast* promotion, a marketing campaign initiated by the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the City of Monterey (and participated in by the PG Chamber of Commerce) is up and running with proven results. Hank Armstrong, marketing director for the Aquarium reports that room revenues in Pacific Grove have already exceeded \$180,000 from the promotion. Part of the campaign includes making room reservations in the Grove accessible through Bass ticket agency.

Donation to Youth Center Fund

Bill Leone and River Gurtin, owners of the Bagel Bakery, have donated 10% of the proceeds from sales during the bakery's recent 20th anniversary. In November the company opened its largest store (of six) in Pacific Grove's Fairway Shopping Center, an event prompting center owners to resurface and stripe the parking lot.

Golf store offers lessons

Strokes, a golf supply store that opened at 310 Grand Avenue this fall, offers a full line of custom golf clubs, both woods and irons, and demonstration clubs. Owner Peter Donovan will custom-fit customers for shaft length, stiffness, and lie of club head. Lessons from professional golfer Nick Nelson are also available.

ELAINE BREEN'S
slice of life
PIGS IN PG?

While I was at Trader Joe's picking up impulse buys, those dips for hors d'oeuvres, prawns, cinnamon bread, chocolate orange sticks, (you must know how it is) a neighbor came over and asked Tom to ask me to feed her pigs while she was gone. She left a little bitty bag of lettuce and tomatoes for them. I was indignant. Three pigs next door to us? Pigs smell. I could remember that smell.

In Littleton, Colorado, we lived on Gallup Avenue, a beautiful street lined with elms planted by Mrs. Gallup that formed a beautiful canopy overhead. As a child I imagined I was a bride walking down a beautiful aisle to meet my prince. Sometimes I was a fairy queen coming up the drive to my castle. It was so lovely. Until you got to Mr. Fidelke's house.

Mr. Fidelke was a nice man, a warm hearted man, but he was a pig farmer and I hated to walk past his farm. It didn't occur to me that my father was a dairy farmer with a large herd of cows that smelled probably as much as Mr. Fidelke's farm, only a different smell, and of course I was accustomed to it and couldn't smell it. I imagine that Mr. Fidelke's daughter could not smell pigs. (When I was in college at Denver University some poor soul agreed to come out to the farm to pick me up for a dance. When I opened the door his first words were, "What's that awful smell?" "Can't imagine," I said.)

"Humph," I said when Tom told me I was to feed three pigs on Saturday and Sunday. Do people still say Humph? "The kids probably saw 'Babe' and wanted pigs. Those pigs are going to grow to be enormous. They will get out and eat people's gardens. They will make pig noises. But most of all they will SMELL."

Next day I collared my son-in-law,

Armando, who knows about animals and hornswoggled him into coming with me. I took the pitiful bowl of lettuce and tomatoes. Our neighbor had requested the tomatoes cut up. Didn't she know a pig can slurp down a watermelon whole? On the farm we fed our occasional pig gallons of leftover

milk and ice cream from the creamery. They made a horrible noise slurping it. But I cut up the little tomatoes and lettuce.

Don't you know, when we arrived at the garage here were three little fuzzy wuzzy guinea pigs. Darling sweet things. They loved the lettuce and tomatoes. I almost wanted to take one out and cuddle it. But then I remembered about guinea pigs.

At the Alexander Lindsey Jr. Museum in Pleasant Hill they used to let kids check out animals for a week. We took home a guinea pig for daughter Anne, and the guinea pig ate my curtains which happened to be near its little cage.

It looked darling before and after, but not during. Anyway, I said nope, no guinea pig cuddling and went home. Our neighbor came home next day and I still love her and her little pigs. But I wish they had another name. Armando said guinea pigs were domesticated in South America by Inca Indians. They were kept in the house as pets and were eaten on special occasions, tiny strips of bacon?

If you asked your Incan neighbor to feed the guineas, the guineas may have been fed to the gods. Armando said that, I didn't. He also surmised the name is probably some Anglicized version of the Inca name for these little guys whose origin is in the high altitude slopes of South American mountains. So knowing that they aren't pigs can we call them something else? Guinea bunnies?



Local thrift shop earnings enable gifts totalling \$9,850 to charities

by Bob Bates

The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, an outreach of the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove, awarded grants in November totaling \$3,800.

This amount represents the available surplus from sales of donated items during the months of May through October.

Recipients of the semi-annual distribution were: Alliance on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Family Resource Center, Gateway Center, Ombudsman Program, Monarch Auxiliary and Fred Finch Home and the American Cancer Society.

The grants were made in honor of volunteers Van and Sue Van Buskirk.

The Church Mouse is located in downtown Pacific Grove on 17th Street and Lighthouse Avenue.

Telephone is 375-0838.

ANOTHER thrift shop, The Monterey Community Thrift Shop located in New Monterey, donated \$6,050 to local charities in 1996.

Those charities included: The Alliance on Aging, Alzheimers Association, Blind Service Center, Boys-Girls Club, First Night, Flying Doctors, Gateway Center, Ombudsman, Herald Christmas Cheer, Rape Crisis Center, the Salvation Army, SHARE and the Y.W.C.A.

The Monterey Community Thrift Shop is located at 583 Lighthouse Avenue in New Monterey and open from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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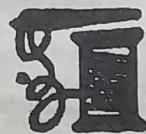
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MILESTONES

births

Samantha Rose Mudd, a daughter born November 22, 1996, to Steve and Caroline Mudd of Pacific Grove.

Frederick M. France, III, a son, born November 19, 1996, to Mike and Donna France of Monterey.

Kenneth Cornish Ellis, a son born December 2, 1996, to Jeff Ellis and Becky Cornish of Pacific Grove.

Tyler James, a son born November 26 to Jennifer Falknor and Dan Hallock of Pacific Grove.

obituaries

Henry Carl Brun, 87, died December 2, 1996 at Canterbury Woods Medical Center in Pacific Grove. He was a Salinas Valley farmer who retired to Pacific Grove nine years ago. He was born in 1909 in Chualar, California. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Muriel Brun of Pacific Grove, and daughters Sallie Bassetti of Salinas, Marilyn Graversgaard of Salinas, his sister Christine Doyle of Pacific Grove and grandchildren David Fontes of Chandler, AZ and Ryan Fontes of Salinas. Memorial services were held at Canterbury Woods Auditorium. The Paul Mortuary was in charge of cremation arrangements. Memorial contributions are welcome to Hospice of the Central Coast, 2511 Garden Road, Monterey.

John Alfred Rowe, 64, a resident of Pacific Grove for 37 years, died November 29 at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. He is a retired fireman with the Ft. Ord Fire Department following his service in the US Army from 1948-1953. He was a member of American Legion Post #591 of Seaside, the Monterey Peninsula Vagabond Travel Club, Monterey First Church of God in Pacific Grove. His hobbies were fishing, traveling in his motor home and spending time with his family. John was born in Stark City, Missouri. He is survived by his wife Lucille M. Rowe of Pacific Grove; sons John A. Rowe, Jr. of Prunedale, Ronald K. Rowe of Seaside, and Michael A. Rowe of San Jose; and daughters Brenda Rowe of Marina, Cheryl L. Rowe of Seaside, and Patricia A. Rowe of Pacific Grove. He is also survived by siblings Bobby Rowe of Neosho, MO, Dusty Petersen of Marina, Barbara A. Mitchell of Fairview, MO and Ethel Stowe of Perrysburg, PA and his mother Margaret Gurley of Neosho, Mo. A brother Jimmy Rowe died in 1987. Funeral services were held at the Paul Mortuary. Memorial donations are invited in his name to donors' favorite charity.

E. Russel Linch, 79, died November 25, 1996 at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, Russel lived in Pacific Grove 22 years. He was a diplomatic and consular officer for the US Foreign Service who served in the Philippines, Japan, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan and Iran who retired in 1974. His wife Edla S. Linch died in 1987. He is survived by his daughters Susan Linch Rockwell of Eric, PA and Joan E. Linch of Pacific Grove, and a sister, Ruth Linch Hawlery of Laurel, Nebraska. Another daughter, Patricia Linch Hash died in 1996. Linch was a graduate of University of Southern California and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston, MA where he received his Masters Degree. He was a veteran of WWII, US Army. In Pacific Grove he was active

with the Troupers of the Gjoed Coast at the First Theatre in Monterey and was a member of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and graveside services were held at El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove.

Julienne Marcella Lyons, 83, died November 18, 1996 at Ave Maria Convalescent Hospital in Monterey. Born in March 1913 at Plainfield, CT, Julienne moved here from Reno, NV in 1961. She was a legal secretary for more than 40 years and retired in 1986. She was a member of St. Angela's Church and various parish organizations. Her husband Harold W. Lyons died in 1969. She is survived by a niece Claire Renn of East Hartford, CT. A memorial mass was held at St. Angela's Church, Pacific Grove. Her remains were cremated and inurnment took place at El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove.

PG POLICE DEPT. blotter

Nov. 28

TREE ON FIRE - PGFD dispatched to extinguish.

GOLFING CASUALTY - A golfer was struck in face by a line drive from the 10th tee of the PG golf links. Transported to CHOMP by ambulance.

Nov. 29

TURKEY HARD TO SWALLOW - Subject choked on some turkey. Taken to CHOMP.

Nov. 30

CURFEW VIOLATION - A juvenile was cited for a curfew violation. The juvenile was released to his parents. A companion was arrested for a code violation either at Lover's Point or Jewel Park. Multi-colored purse containing military I.D., credit cards.

Dec. 1

LOST WALLET - A woman reported losing a Liz Claiborne leather wallet near recreation trail.

CAT CREATES FLAP - A cat was reported chasing after a bird inside Pier One Imports. Cat captured. Bird survived.

BIKE FOUND - A runner found a 21-speed bicycle in the bushes in the 400 block of Sinex Avenue. The bicycle is maroon in color and is in good condition.

BURGLARY - 600 block of Lighthouse. Raw meat and money taken latent fingerprints lifted.

Dec. 3

WOMAN STRUCK - A woman reported being struck from behind, at Grove and 20th Street, 8:55 p.m. No suspect at scene.

SEA LION SHOT - A dead sea lion was found at the Fog Horn turn-out. The animal had apparently been shot.

Dec. 4

THEFT - An automobile window was smashed and a purse taken at the Asilomar Beach walkway, 11:55 a.m.

GOLFERS CITED - Three individuals were cited for playing golf at PG golf course without paying.

SOLICITOR COMPLAINT - Complaints from local residents re: solicitations by the Peace Action Committee. PAC has permit from the City to solicit.

DEAD RACCOON - Bagged and placed in freezer, 1:30 a.m.

Club Corner

by Nadine Annand

Chamber Ambassadors

They are called the Ambassadors and when seen around town on the second Tuesday of each month on their way to a monthly meeting they are wearing an attractive tan with brown trim jacket with an orange badge pinned on.

On the Third Tuesday, they serve as hosts and hostesses at the monthly Chamber mixers, again wearing their jackets and badges.

In return for this dedication, they are rewarded with an annual party, hosted by Chamber Executive Director Moe Ammar.

This year they gathered at Joe Rombi's for dinner and exchange of gifts. It was a fun evening with food that was really perfection. Chief Ambassador Julie Keister thanked each ambassador with a gift of appreciation.

Ambassadors joining in the festivities were Susan Agee, Nadine Annand, Victoria Carns, Hardy Darring, Erma Dinkel, Katy Kelly, Warren Lewis, Don Whitsett, Tessa Lero, Gary Wright, Danielle Marius and Moe Ammar.

Lighthouse keepers

A record turnout of Lighthouse Keepers and spouses and guests renewed longtime friendships and recounted a successful year as they attended the brightly decorated clubroom in Monarch Pines. Fern Davis enabled the club to again

Gay's talents as both an organizer and decorator are always looked forward to by everyone and this time was no exception.

This year the committee decided that the evening needed a little livening up, a gift game of *take away if you want someone else's gift* provided much merriment. All seemed to leave pleased with their gifts, no matter what. Lighthouse Keepers have long been known as good cooks and this year proved it.

Committee members included Karen Mignano, Joan Orchard, Erma Dinkel, Judy Furman, Alyce Lopez, Bea Ward and Nadine Annand. On to January when new officers will be installed and Secret Pals reveals.

Art Center new board

New officers for the Pacific Grove Art Center have been elected with Chris Hulse to serve as president for 1997. Serving on the board with Chris will be Greg Ludwa, 1st vice-president; Doris Dyson, 2nd vice-president and historian; Harriet Freeman, secretary and Michelle Barat, treasurer.

Joan Rosen will be newsletter chairman. Joanna Chapman, re-elected as Executive Director, has again invited board members to the Christmas dinner party meeting on December 16. Joanna and Dean's lovely home with a towering Christmas tree provides the setting for a happy evening.



Beacon ensconced in new digs

GRAND CENTRAL STATION, the building at the corner of Grand and Central Avenues, is the location of the Pacific Grove Beacon's new office. This building shares the parking lot with the Holman building and features some retail stores at street level and offices, including the Beacon's, upstairs. A Beacon **Open House** will be held from 4-6pm, Mon-Sat next week, (Dec 16-20), welcoming anyone interested in meeting staff, learning how the newspaper is produced, or trading war stores. Some spirits and nibbles will be available for parched throats and empty stomachs, so please stop by and enjoy a little Yuletide with us.

Schimmel meets with teachers and board will close one school in 1988

by Jessie F. Bray

In the November 29 edition of the Beacon, I wrote about the upcoming changes being proposed for Pacific Grove Unified School District.

On December 5, I attended two meetings addressing the situation. As a retired teacher of PGUSD, I was invited to attend the Pacific Grove Teachers' Association meeting at the PGHS Library from 3:30 - 5pm and the same evening, I attended the School Board meeting at PG Middle School Library.

PGTA President Susan Nine and PGTA Vice-president Elena Diebolt presented an effective format. Prior to introducing Supt. Barry Schimmel, Nine indicated the scope of the meeting and said, "It is important that teachers feel we are all on the same team with administrators."

In his 15-minute presentation, Schimmel first asked for the teachers' cooperation in combating false rumors.

He said, "I can mutter something in the hall, and before you know it, it's gone down to Grove Market, then Light-house Avenue and back to the District office."

Facing rumors that he was the heavy who closed schools as an administrator in the San Jose School District, Schimmel told teachers that 13 schools had been closed prior to his arrival in that district and that he did have to deal with the aftermath which entailed closing two or three district administrative offices.

Schimmel gave his revised tentative configuration which would still call for a K-1 school at David Avenue School in Fall 1997 and conversion of the Middle School to 7th and 8th graders only in the Fall of 1988.

Staff spokespersons for each school presented teachers' positions and questions in five-minute segments. Closing remarks were made by PGTA leadership.

The school board meeting was chaired

by long-time board member Candace Ingram. Of special interest was the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Bristol, retiring PGHS football coach.

Bristol shared his plans for the future. After 13 years (not 34 as misprinted in the last issue of the Beacon) as assistant and head football coach, he will complete his course work for a teaching credential. He would be happy to return to the district as a teacher and also possibly will be doing some coaching.

During the discussion on school configuration, Dr. Schimmel stressed that, as of now, no decisions have been made. His remarks were similar to those made at the teachers' meeting earlier in the day:

1) The district will continue to explore various configurations that will make the best use of our facilities while cutting expenses.

2) The district will continue to participate in California's class-size reduction program.

3) The district will close one of its schools by Fall, 1998, while seeking revenue through leasing out school district property.

Comments from the audience:

A kindergarten parent objected to her child staying on at David Avenue School site another year in isolation from older role models, perhaps slowing her adaptation to regular school situation.

A high school parent feels that we should explore benefits of merging school districts to maintain a strong academic program and to avoid additional loss of students to private schools.

A parent expressed need for specific cost projections for any changes considered. As she said, "How can we make intelligent decisions about cost-cutting without knowing the costs?"

The discussion on proposed changes for PGUSD will continue at the next school board meeting set for January 9, 1997.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Monarch butterfly report from the Grove

Docents at the Butterfly Grove are happily busy these days, shepherding hundreds of visitors to see about 30,000 butterflies now resident in the sanctuary.

Pacific Grove artists Dave and Toni Palmer are creating a variety of one-of-a-kind, hand-painted folk and Victorian jewelry and art objects featuring Butterfly Town's favorite winged visitors.

Lasting Memories at 566 Lighthouse, has their folk art angel pins and a few special pins of a Victorian Santa holding a Monarch Butterfly titled "Santa Visits Pacific Grove."

The artists have donated a portion of the sales from Monarch creations to Friends of the Monarchs.

Full color 17" x 23" posters celebrating Pacific Grove's Monarch butterflies, are now available for purchase, featuring views of Monarchs as seen through a Victorian window. The poster was created by Friends of the Monarchs board member Michael O'Hollaren at Images by Design studio on Laurel Avenue. Orders will be shipped for \$9.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling by sending your check to Friends of the Monarchs, PO Box 51683, Pacific Grove.

Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 19th, at the Sally Griffin Senior Center.

For seniors (60 or over). Make reservations by December 17th.

Suggested donation, \$3. Non-senior fee, \$5.

Compliments of Meals on Wheels the Monterey Peninsula and the Sally Griffin Senior Center.

People

Peter Williams is now the news station manager for KAZU FM, the listener-supported radio station in Pacific Grove. He was promoted by the board of directors after four years as the station's program director. He has worked previously for KJAZ in Alameda, KCSM in San Mateo and KZSC in Santa Cruz.

Esther Trosow, who worked for several months at the PG Chamber of Commerce office, has now moved across the street to the Museum. She conceived and authored the *John Steinbeck Driving Guide to Pacific Grove* and is a member of the Swan Boat Restoration Committee. She is also a founder of the Pacific Grove Steinbeckian Croquet Tournament.

Jeanne Byrne, former Pacific Grove mayor and owner of PG Business Center, has been named by Governor Pete Wilson a member of the Monterey County Fair board of directors. She joins two other fair board members from Pacific Grove: Robert Quinn and Susan Whitman.

LAST MINUTE

newsbriefs

Tree recycling

The city's old sewage treatment plant, located on Ocean View Blvd. (between Lighthouse and Asilomar Avenues) will be the site for the Sixth Christmas Tree Re-cycling Program. The program runs from December 28 through January 7, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The location will be closed New Years Day.

Natural trees only will be accepted. Please remove all stands, decorations, nails, and tinsel.

Flocked, painted or fire-proofed trees will not be accepted.

Beat those holiday blues...

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Sally Griffin Senior Center, Marie Walbridge, EdD, MFCC, from Home Health/Hospice will explore how our early experiences color our feelings about holidays in an interactive talk entitled, "Childhood Memories and The Holiday Blues". For more information call 375-4454.

PG MS Winter Music Concert

Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m., in the PG Middle School auditorium (835 Forrest Ave).

The program is offered free of charge and will include the Middle School Advanced Band, Advanced Orchestra, Band, Full Orchestra and the Jazz Band under the direction of Gary M. Stotz and the Chorus under the direction of Ella Ray Toscano.

Donations are accepted to help support music in the schools. There will be a "coffee and bake" sale starting at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the PG Music Boosters.

The gate fee into Pacific Grove will be waived if you bring a friend or a smile to the concert.



First floor antiques

THIS PHOTO taken from the mezzanine of the Holman Building gives you a preview of what the street floor is like. The areas at the perimeter of this floor have been divided by partition walls which have created stalls for sellers and dealers of antiques. And the center of the floor is laid out in plots divided by invisible walls. It's an antique bazaar with merchants paying rent on the spaces occupied. Additionally there we be located a delicatessen and a branch of Monterey County Bank on the East side of the main floor. The Mezzanine will have a beauty salon and health spa and several professional offices.

Aerial photography by Neill Gardner

SPORTS & REC newsbriefs

Openings for Adult basketball

The PG Rec Dept has announced that there is still a limited number of team slots available in the 1997 Adult Winter Basketball League, scheduled to begin play in January. Contact David Kuwatani at 648-3130 by Friday, December 13 for fee and registration information.

Winter break at the Rec

The PG Youth Center will be open December 23-28 (closed Christmas Day). Sign up to join the annual Ice Skating trek to Eastridge Mall in San Jose December 23.

Parents please help

The Youth Center needs your help with the upcoming fund-raiser December 30, for the Center. We need baking expertise. We're talking about the movie premiere of "Evita" here in River City and a reception with a lavish cheesecake buffet. If you are interested in donating a cheesecake from your business or baking one yourself, please contact Janet at 375-6263.

Chaperones wanted for dances

Interested in becoming a chaperone for one of several dances planned for the Youth Center in the future? Please contact Jody at 648-3134.

Church choirs will perform December 14

Three Episcopal Church Choirs will join to present a special Christmas Organ and Choral Concert, December 14, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel.

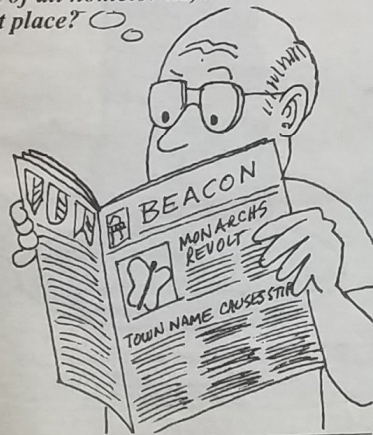
The concert will feature Clay Couri, associate organist and Kathryn Yant, choir director at All Saints Church. The other choirs will come from St. Mary's by-the-Sea, in Pacific Grove and St. John's.

Choir director at St. Mary's is Kitty DuVernois and Ken Daly is the director at St. John's.

Admission is free. Donations will go to benefit Marina Epiphany, the Episcopal and Lutheran Mission Church in Marina and to the All Saints Church music program.

Refreshments in Secombe Hall will follow the concert. All Saints is located at Dolores and 9th in Carmel. Call 624-3883 for further information.

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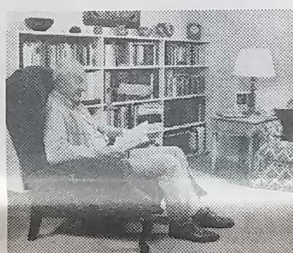
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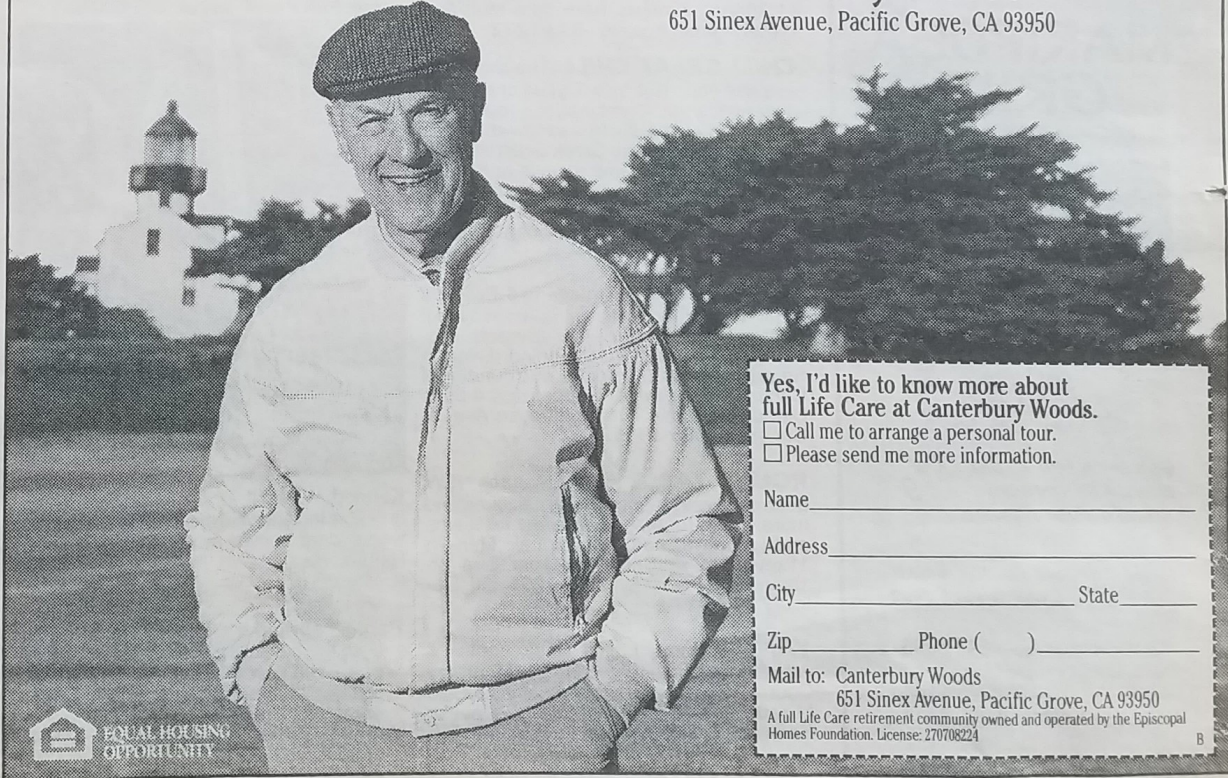
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ABOUT TOWN

Events

Senior Outreach Luncheons. Dec 13, at 12 noon, in PG Community Center, features Robert Down School Chorus at 11:30am. Dancing by the Tap Bananas with Carol Tefertiller will follow. Donation \$3. And, Dec 20 with "Christmas is Music" and special Christmas Dinner with Robert Phillips, jazz pianist. Reservations required for this meal. Donation \$5. 646-4636.

Monterey Bay Aquarium. Dec 14-15, FREE admission for Monterey Co. residents only, to mark Aquarium's 12th anniversary and welcome locals to debut the new Outer Bay galleries. Also last chance to see special exhibition, "Deadly Beauties," which closes Jan 2, featuring poisonous sea life from coral reefs around the world. Valid ID with proof of residence required. Offer good 10am-6pm Dec 7, 8, 14 & 15. Cannery Row at David Avenue. Visiting guest must pay. 648-4800 for info.

English Tea with Music. Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:30-4pm Amy Krupski, Pacific Grove Celtic harpist will accompany the savory fare of delicious scones, sausage rolls, finger sandwiches, pasties and sweets during the YWCA seasonal fund-raiser at 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey. Reserve \$10-\$12 tickets to benefit the YWCA Domestic Violence Program by calling Barbara Davies, 649-0834.



Pacific Grove Dining Guide

BRAZILIAN Café & Restaurant will be a surprise for you and a new eating experience you'll talk about. Unusual dishes and sauces blend ingredients and flavors from three cultures: Portugal, Italy and Africa. Try the national dish Feijoada. Now open for lunch, Wed-Fri beginning at 11:30am. Dinners from 5pm Mon-Sun. 1180-F Forest Avenue. **373-2272**

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KAZU Record Sale. December 14 at 562 Lighthouse Avenue (formerly Male Call) the staff of PG's public radio station will offer a record and CD sale from 10am-5pm. A large selection of CD's and vinyl in all types of music (jazz, blues, classical, folk, world and rock) will be priced from \$6-\$8. Plus a bake sale featuring pastries donated from some of the area's finest bakeries. KAZU members receive 10% discount on purchases.

Exhibits

Museum of Natural History. A temporary exhibit of Indian rock art of the Southwest now features photographs by Carmel Valley resident Dale Hekhuis. Open through January 5, 1997. Tucked away in such adventurous sounding places as Horsehoe Canyon, Comanche Gap, and Dry Fork Canyon is a matchless American heritage - a rich array of images on rock made by Indian artists during the past 2,000 years. Hours 10am-5pm Tue-Sun. Central and Forest Avenues, Pacific Grove. Free admission.

Artists Forum Gallery. A variety of plein air style woks by contemporary artist Michael Thomas Kainer is now being exhibited. Paintings on display are samples from Kainer's "Painted Poems" collection and portray scenes of the Monterey Peninsula. Several other plein air works will be on exhibit by other local artists. 309 Forest, Pacific Grove. **375-4-ART**

Pacific Grove Art Center. December exhibits are now on view through Jan 3. The Gill Gallery features John Babcock's images in handmade paper titled "The Peculiarities of Colored Paper." In the Dyke Gallery the works of four Pacific Grove landscape painters (Johnny Apodaca, Mark Farina, Ron Grauer, and Jeff Smith) "Informal Views" will be on display. Douglas Casperian's cibachrome images of "The Secret Museum of Manikins" is featured in the Boyer Gallery. And the Photo Gallery is now showing a photographic documentary "The Rice Land Suite," by Gerry Tsuruda which explores rice growing in California. 568 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove.

Hauk Fine Arts. "Over Traveled Roads," new paintings by Belle Yang, a selection of recent works for sale and from private collections by this nationally acclaimed Carmel artist and author is on exhibit through Dec 29. Open Thu, Fri, and Sat from 11-5 or by appointment. 206 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove, **373-6007**.



Kenneth White, II, of San Juan Capistrano, is one of the Native American artists whose works were shown at the PG Museum of Natural History, Dec. 7-8.

Porch Fabrics & Gallery. Antique quilts from the collection of Wilda Northrop are on exhibit now through January 3, Mon-Sat from 10am-5pm, and Sundays noon-4pm. 157 Grand, Pacific Grove.

Vehicle Gallery. Now featuring photographic works of Madeline Berger capturing the spirit of flamenco. A student and



This sensitive photograph by David Glover, is an example of the work that will be on display at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, December 16 thru January 16. See notice elsewhere on this page.

flamenco guitarist for 26 years, this musician shows 20 photographs in an exhibit now up through January 6. Open Mon-Thu from 10am to 6pm; Fri and Sat 10-5 with a daily lunch break from 1-3pm. 551 Lighthouse, (in the back of the Camera Exchange), Pacific Grove. **373-0448**.

Carmel Art Association. Pacific Grove artist Joseph Nordmann, a plein air painter of California landscapes in oils, will be exhibiting his work Dec 5 - Dec 31, including a series of Fort Ord. A reception for the artist will be held Sat Dec 7, from 5-7pm. He began painting 40 years ago with Paul Conner, one of Southern California's plein air painters of deserts and foothills. On Dolores Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Carmel.

Independent Photographers. Dec 16 - Jan 16, at the Monterey Institute of International Studies features an exhibit of Peninsula photographers from 8:30am to 6pm Mon-Fri, Main Lobby of the McCone Auditorium, 499 Pierce St., Monterey. An opening reception is Friday, Dec 20 from 6-8pm. Public invited.

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Monterey Museum of Art. Dec 14, Christmas in the Adobes, museum open until 9pm, refreshments and docent-led tours. Dancing puppets of Indonesia, 1-2:30pm. Dec 19 "Third Thursday" at Civic Center with holiday music by the Joyful Tidings & Caroling Company and the Music Box Players, wine and soda available for purchase, 5-7pm.

Just for kids

Children's Snow Fantasy. Saturday, Dec 14, Caledonia Park (Central at 18th) will be covered with a blanket of glistening snow for kids to build snowmen and frolic. Festive twinkling lights, holiday carols, Santa's Workshop, Frosty the Snowman, hay wagon rides, and other entertainment.

Father Christmas will make a special holiday appearance at Chatterbox Children's Shoppe Saturday Dec 21 from 2-3pm. He will be twisting balloon creations for all, telling stories, and brightening the season. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy this treat for the whole family. Father Christmas is played by Kerry Hartjen, a professional magician and actor best known in these parts as "Ravioli the Magical Clown." 157 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove.

Sun from 7-11pm in the Lobby Lounge. **Bay Club at Spanish Bay.** Live music featured nightly, except Monday from 7-10:30pm. Harpist Julie Alexander plays Tue, Wed, Thu, & Sun. Guitarist Robert McNamara plays Fri. and Sat.

Camerata Singers. Dec 21, Saturday, at Carmel Mission Basilica. Music sung by the Native American choirs in the 18th Century California missions will be presented at 8pm. Tickets \$13 for adults, \$6 students, may be purchased at Bookmark, 307 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove, 648-0508.

Carmel Woman's Club. Monday, Dec 16, Nancy Williams, vocalist and performer at local theaters, will perform. Meeting's at 2pm in the clubhouse, at ninth and San Carlos, Carmel. Refreshments follow. Non-members \$3. Call 624-3379 for information.

Middle East Song & Dance. Saturday, Dec 1 at 9pm, Pacific Grove belly dancers Mee' Sha and Uzza will perform to music by Middle eastern oudist and singer John Bilezikjian during a special event at the Epsilon Greek Restaurant, 422 Tyler St, Monterey. Open floor folk dancing all evening. \$12 cover charge.

New productions a Calif. First Theatre

The 24th Annual Olio Revue," opened December 6, at California's First Theatre in Monterey, starring the Troupers of the Gold Coast.

The play is the 527th production performed at the theater since June of 1937. Each year the Troupers put together the best of the previous years Oleos, plus some of the silly things that are only done at this time of year.

This show will give audiences many opportunities to add their two cents worth during the show, including chances for booing and hissing.

The Annual Olio Revue plays Friday and Saturday nights, through February 1, including New Year's Eve. There will be no show the week-end before Christmas.

All curtains are at 8 p.m. Throughout 1997, the Troupers will be celebrating their 60th anniversary with continued family entertainment and an extra special show in June.

Reservations are available at (408) 375-4916. Box office hours are: Wednesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.



Anne Randl

All-star Christmas Concert. Sunday, Dec 15 at 7:30pm, Pacific Grove vocalist Mary Anne Randl will present an evening of very special Christmas music with selections featuring Monterey County musicians including classical, jazz improvisational, and some well-known and little-known traditional songs; all in the musical care of jazz/classical pianist Marten Mann, flutist Kenny Stahl, MoCo Symphony's Linda Mehrebian on cello, and Stan Poplin on bass, with Valerie Fiddmont, supporting vocalist. Carleton Hall, Monterey Church of Religious Science, 400 N. Franklin. \$12 admission, \$10 seniors and students. Proceeds shared with Suicide Prevention Center and Crisis Center of Monterey County. 373-2115.

Inn at Spanish Bay. Helcio Milito Trio plays Brazilian and American jazz every Thu-

Pacific Grove Art Galleries & Antique Stores

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7 P.G. Art Center

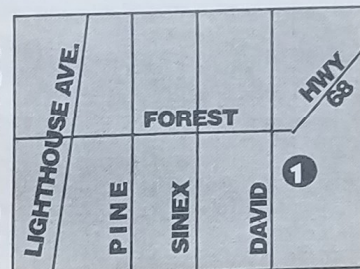
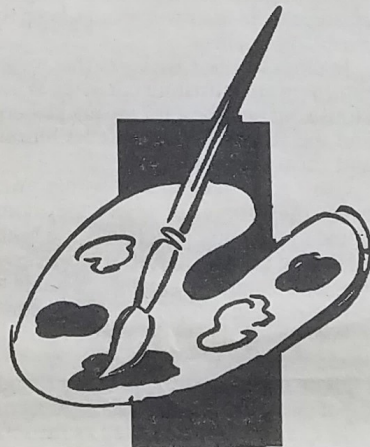
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THOTS WHILE shaving

by Eric Colby

Seasons activities galore. This issue of the Beacon is packed with news of events for readers to attend here in the *Last Hometown*. The Grove is literally resplendent with activity. Notice especially the activities at Mayflower Presbyterian Church which include a concert December 14 by the Monterey County Symphony's chamber ensemble and Symphony Chorus.

Christmas lights. I'm delirious over the new holiday decorations on the lamp posts of Lighthouse Avenue. At night the small colored light bulbs and the fir-like garlands are so complementary with just the right amount of festive splash. To me the old scheme of garish cross-street festoons suspended between those old prison yard lights made our main street look like a combination of Disneyland and the San Francisco airport taxi way. All praise is due the members of the Beautification Committee chaired by Jill Stewart, including Frances Grate, Tom Moss, Donald Whitsett, Ramon Ayers, and Hitoshi Kono.

Prison reform. An article elsewhere in this issue by Bob Bates about Janet Gray, brings to mind the outrageous expense of housing criminals in our state prisons; somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000, or the approximate cost of sending a student to Harvard for two years. If that's a fact, then I say the hell with prison; let's send them to Harvard, instead.

Tobacco god wins again. Our federal legislators, dazzled by US Government revenues from tobacco taxes, continued it's multi-million dollar annual agricultural subsidy to the tobacco industry last week. By a vote in the House of 212 to 210, our representatives killed a bill introduced by Rep. Durbin (D-Ill.) that would have eliminated crop insurance and extension services for tobacco growers, effectively cutting funding for the tobacco growers by \$25 million. Sam Farr voted in support of the bill. Our dependency on tobacco tax is preventing us from doing what is right.

Affirmative water closets. Have you ever noticed that every single toilet you've ever sat on is left-handed? The handles are on the right, as you are seated, in a position forcing your arm into an extremely awkward, double-jointed cramp to flush. The easiest way to flush, of course, is to reach over with your left hand. But, only 10% of our population is left-handed, however. Doesn't it occur to toilet manufacturers they've put the blamed handle on the wrong side?

Merry Christmas

OPINION

Resident appreciates local business honesty

To PG Chamber of Commerce

In August I entered InLine Retrofit, on Forest Avenue, to purchase my six-year-old boy's first skateboard. I was accompanied by my brother, who was visiting from Los Angeles, and we were willing to invest in a decent board.

Owner Steve Tucker visited with me for a while and encouraged me not to purchase a professional \$120 skateboard as my son's first board. Instead, he referred me to Big 5 or KMart, because they carry skateboards for \$40 to \$50. My brother was totally amazed that Steve was willing to sacrifice a \$120 sale because he truly cared about his customers.

I purchased my son's skateboard from Big 5, but all my future equipment will be bought at InLine Retrofit. Steve and other Pacific Grove retailers are what makes "The Last Home Town" so special.

A Raving Fan

Reader reflects sadly on national poll results

Editor:

The day after our national elections, I find myself with sad heart about the true message revealed by its results.

Some may feel victorious, others giddy, and yet others revealed that we have returned a Liberal to the White House and retained conservative control of Congress.

The spin will cloud the true results with stories of winning by both sides.

To me the results clearly reveal two sad realities about our American society.

First, only 49% of eligible American voters bothered to get to the polls. In other words, 51% of the people that could have voted said "I don't care."

One of the bulwarks of a democratic society was neglected by a majority of eligible people who evidently take their freedoms and responsibilities so lightly that they lazily and casually throw away their vote in favor of time spent pursuing personal interests.

The second reality of the election is that the overwhelming majority of those who voted for Bill Clinton said that they don't trust him and believe that he doesn't tell the truth.

These same people returned a conservative Republican majority to Congress in order to, in their own words, keep the President in check.

In other words, "We know that we are returning an untrusting liar to the White House but he is best for my pocketbook and the Republicans won't let him lie and cheat too much."

Great societies fall and wither away when they forget or reject the moral foundations upon which they are built.

History books are full of world civilizations that made great strides only to fall apart when self interest and personal indulgence replaced the basics of truth, honor, and trust.

These basics, so crucial to the founding of the American Democracy are still reflected on the various denominations of our currency on which we can still

read "In God We Trust" inscribed below the words "The United States of America" and above pictures of various federal monuments and buildings.

By saying that we don't care what kind of a human being sits in the Oval Office as long as he provides for me what I want, and by saying let the minority do the voting because I'm not interested, Americans are embracing a dangerous path to moral collapse.

I am hopeful that this is a temporary trend toward risky results and that our great American people will come to their senses and self correct before it is too late.

We have met huge challenges before and always chose ultimately the right path. I hope that is the case now; but for the present, I am embarrassed for the American people about the message conveyed by this election.

John R. Savory, Pacific Grove

Reader isn't buying Grand Jury view of PG

Editor:

I don't know about "soothing fog" washing over PG having anything to do with less crime per capita in the "Last Hometown," but I'm sure that inhaling too much dust from Monarch Butterfly wings has a lot to do with the rash of chop'em, hack'em, slash'em, and bash'em murders Pagrovia has experienced in recent years!

Where the Grand Jury gets its propaganda is any one's guess, but I have to wonder to what extent the tourist industry in Pacific Grove has influenced this recent report on crime.

Let's see. At last count there's been no less than five brutal murders (one included rape and sodomy before the final death blow) in little sleepy PG in as many years.

Now, Seaside, Marina, and Salinas may share top honors for drive-by killings related to drugs and ethnic territorialism. But PG gets first prize for weird murders! Charles Manson and Family would be right at home in PG! Not even Santa Cruz of the notorious '70's was as strange as PG of late!

Add to these murders a rash of suicides, some by persons nobody would ever have expected to kill themselves, and it's beginning to suggest some sort of insidious trend in this little Methodist Retreat by-the-sea.

Sorry, but I just have to call it as it is!

Charles G. Harper, Pacific Grove

Tree ordinance wimpy and costly to enforce

Editor:

We should be praising our city government for what they've done over the years to preserve for all of us the beauty of our trees in Pacific Grove. One only has to drive around cities which do not have tree protection laws to see the difference.

Trees are a natural resource that belong to us all. They cleanse the air of pollutants. They add to the beauty of our town and they increase property values not only where they are rooted but also for all properties on the street and in the neighborhood.

Just because someone has a deed to a property they do not have the right to do

as they please with the ground (such as dumping hazardous materials). They do not have the right to build whatever they want (they can't build a 15 foot fence interfering with a neighbor's view). They cannot pollute the air, etc. Likewise it is fitting that a society that values its trees prevents landowners from destroying them without good cause.

Every year in our county there are numerous incidents of people cutting down their neighbor's trees, usually to improve their own view. My own education about this practice began when my neighbor hired unqualified out of town laborers (unaware of PG's tree ordinance) with instructions to cut right down the property line. Their cutting resulted in over \$15,000 of damage to my trees, also felling my PG&E power line in the process.

My neighbor felt that anything on his side of the property line was his to do with as he pleased. When I asked by they did it, his wife said they didn't like raking the leaves. Although there are laws against what my neighbors had done, I had to go to extraordinary lengths to get the law enforced.

It took months of my time, and lots of energy and money to make government work. And the it only worked imperfectly at best.

Normally enforcement of violations of this ordinance are treated informally with violators agreeing to pay a nominal fine and/or pay for planting other trees somewhere on city lands. Fines are small and are often waived. This incident forced me to hire a lawyer and appear in court five times in order to obtain even partial justice.

I discovered the judges who try these matters generally don't have any knowledge about local ordinances and are reluctant to take them seriously. The usual disposition is just a slap on the offender's wrist. To suggest that jail or \$1,000 fines are common punishments is just flat untrue or a n exaggerated scare tactic to try to garner support for an otherwise insup-

Visitors praise Grove

To the Chamber of Commerce:

We have been coming to the Peninsula for day trips since before we got married, and for three-day weekends several times a year since. Over the years, we have done the tourist things many times, but as life got busier, our weekends away were more for relaxing than touring, so we stared spending more time in PG.

Last year, for the first time, we rented a house near Asilomar and brought the kids. It was so much fun we did it again this year.

For a few years now, we have been thinking of moving to PG, but we were afraid that we just had a rosy vacationers view of the town.

After getting to know more people over the past several years, renting a house that let us sample a real life there, and meeting Mayor Sandy Koffman at the 4th of July picnic this year, we continue to be impressed by how friendly and open and positive the people of Pacific Grove are.

You should be proud to be associated with the wonderful people of this community.

Frank & Doreen Gerrity, Santa Clara

OPINION

State mandates Cal Am dam construction

With the California American Water Company's decision to move ahead with construction of a new Los Padres Dam, it would be helpful if municipalities like Pacific Grove, would anticipate public discussion by studying the proposal and originate a position based on specifics rather than rhetoric.

Previously, when the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District tried to build the dam, Council was more than hesitant to endorse the project. That was understandable because Monterey County property owners were being asked to pay for its construction.

There are three essential reasons why a second dam on the Carmel River is needed. (1) Because it is the only watershed available as a reserve water source to the Monterey Peninsula, (2) Because of the existing dam's limited size, the enormous winter water reserve flows out to Carmel Bay, leaving the river dry during summer and fall, and (3) For flood control.

A second dam, mandated by the State, is designed to be a water conservation measure; to hold enough of the winter rains so that they can be released year long to sustain the fish and other life that used to occur in the river all year long. The State Water Control Board has mandated construction of this dam for that reason.

Those determined to oppose the dam as a means of growth control while untold millions of gallons spill unused into Carmel Bay every year are not honest conservationists.

Most governing boards on the Monterey Peninsula have adequate restrictive codes, committees and commissions to check pressure of overbuilding.

While Pacific Grove is in no imminent danger of being over built, there is a powerful need to secure water rights that protect us from want and drought.

Pacific Grove is headed toward construction of senior citizen housing. Although Council has approved assigning reclaimed Pebble Beach water credits to senior housing, the mayor herself has wisely expressed doubt concerning what effect no-growth legal obstruction may have on that water.

We need to get behind the dam. Council should study this issue thoughtfully and responsibly support and proclaim the need for (1) protecting our limited water reserves against drought, and (2) restoring annual running water in the Carmel River. - NG & EC

Council job was never meant for fulltime work

During the changing of the guard at City Council recently was some expressed exasperation, by incumbents, at what a big job it is to be a mayor or council member in Pacific Grove. Neill Gardner, former publisher of the Pacific Grove Tribune, has been observing this town's council since the early 1960's. And, in his column this week, he notes that council work was never viewed as a job. Nor is it still in any well-managed town. The habit of Pacific Grove Council members acquiring increasing amounts of work to do, besides attending council meetings twice monthly, is one that began only recently during the last eight years led by certain members who assumed increasing amounts of staff responsibilities and burdened themselves with even more staff work by forming and chairing a proliferating network of committees which have usurped much of the city staff's responsibilities.

At least one council member has said that he had to dip into his savings to supplement the revenue loss from his work due to all the time-consuming responsibilities a council member has.

If the council does not make a conscious effort, soon, to limit its activity to policy-making based on study of



requested staff reports, we shall soon begin hearing requests from our elected officials for allowances, then remuneration, and finally salary for the work they imagine must be done.

The itinerary of the ceremonial appearances and other non-meeting activities of the mayor (and other council members) are exhaustive. And while they must not go unappreciated, they cannot be considered absolutely essential.

The relentless expansion of committee meetings is not only unnecessary, but it puts additional administrative burdens on the city staff, as well.

The population of Pacific Grove has not changed insignificantly in the last 20 years. And there is less new activity going on now than there was then. In earlier days the city manager ran the government and sought only policy and direction from council.

Before our policy-makers become exhausted from "burn-out," let them relax and learn to take responsibility only for decision-making. No one in this town will ever complain that they are not doing enough.

Responsibly tending after our town's welfare can be limited to minding and planning the municipality's income and expense, with emphasis on its income, to assure adequate revenues to employ qualified staff. I

If staff is not performing, and council members are assuming more staff functions, perhaps there is a problem: (a) staff could be incompetent or (b) council has pre-empted staff responsibilities.

In either case, council need not assume more work to provide a solution. Making good decisions is all we've elected them to do. - EC

Chamber choice for president is perfect

While it is regretful that PG Chamber President Jerry McIntire's health concerns brought on his untimely resignation, his replacement by Connie Perry is a stunning choice, and one we predict can go the "whole nine yards" with lasting positive accomplishment.

Perry has a natural intellectual grasp of a chamber's role in a community such as Pacific Grove that makes her a very natural choice for the job.

Her way of dealing with people, issues and conflicts is constructively diplomatic and strengthened with a sincere adherence to an absolute commitment to achieving mutual benefit for everyone involved.

She is personable, articulate, hard working and wholly dedicated to a particularly comprehensive ideal of how a community can function artfully. Perry is an excellent mentor for the chamber. - EC

Forest Hill planning finally materializing

Since City Manager Mike Huse arrived in Pacific Grove three years ago the news had come down from Cal-Trans (the State's highway department) that it was requiring utility companies to put their wires underground on Highway 68 between Piedmont and Sunset Avenues, essentially all the commercial zoned parcels on Forest Hill.

Huse saw an opportunity for the City and the commercial property owners there to make some complementary improvements at the same time, perhaps, formation of a special improvement district that would fund such things as installation of curbs, gutters, planting strips, trees and other landscaping, etc. that would make this area look "finished."

The south side of the street, which included the subdivision known as Del Monte Park was developed under county planning standards and was later annexed to Pacific Grove "as is" with engineering and architectural standards that were dissimilar to the municipality's.

By any body's standards, this area is dangerous to walk or drive around in. And while most businesses are pretty tidy, the lack of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and other basic traffic essentials gives the area, along with poles and wires to come down, give the area a cluttered look that deserves change.

The under-grounding of utilities should have been done this year, but has been postponed for some reason. Perhaps because Huse has been able to buy some time to come up with a city sponsored improvement that could be dove-tailed into the State highway improvements.

We heartily applaud and support this effort in city planning, a process that disappeared with a City Council in the 1980's that actually eliminated this city's Planning Department. -EC

School lands would make senior housing

The City's Committee on Senior Housing has enthusiastically and competently pursued its charge of defining a rationale and approach to fulfilling our community responsibility to provide affordable housing for those who deserve a lesser burden in exchange for their role in bringing up this town.

But with the Grove's limited undeveloped real estate and restrictive zoning ordinances, some dilemma's must be faced and overcome that will enable construction somewhere in town.

The idea of using City parking lots is an anathema to the business community and is not supported by the Chamber of Commerce.

Nader Agha, who purchased the Holman properties (including some parking lots) now has applications before the Planning Commission to develop over 72 units of Senior Housing on two parking lots he picked up with purchase of the Holman Building.

Allowing that would require re-zoning and consume more parking space. City's rezoning of the Holman parking lots would certainly invite legal action by Don Martine, owner of the Martine Inn, who says he would have continued his auction bidding for the Holman properties if he'd know the City would consider re-zoning them.

It's possible that the school district can lease its unused property to builders of senior affordable housing. Those assets, rather than parking lots, should be considered for rezoning. -EC

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